



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 2 Curriculum Information Week Beginning: 17th September 2018

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed three assemblies this week! On Tuesday, Mrs Harries told us the story of Ruby's Worry, all about a little girl who had a worry which grew and grew until she shared it with a friend, when it began to shrink away. Mrs Alexandre led an assembly in which she introduced six fabulous science books to the children who were asked to vote for their favourite. Our Friday assembly allowed us to celebrate our children's achievements, both in and out of school, including this week's birthdays and our first selection of work for the Wonder Wall in the Pre Prep entrance corridor. Bird Family meetings focused on the topic of Friendship and paying each other compliments.

This week, Year 2 have been busy with exciting visitors related to our topic 'Farm to Fork'. On Wednesday, Algy, from Algy's popcorn, came to visit us and talked about how he uses ingredients from his farm to create different products. On Thursday, Mr Steggles showed us how to make goats cheese. A very exciting week!

Literacy lessons

In Literacy this week, we have continued to look at 'ai' and 'ay' in readiness for our spelling tests on Monday, and the 'th' sound in words to help with word building. We have read different versions of the story of *The Little Red Hen* and identified how traditional tales can vary over time as they are told. The children thought about adjectives to describe the characters in the story and extended their vocabulary with synonyms for words such as 'big'. We also wrote questions to ask our visitors, thinking about the punctuation that we would need to include.

Maths lessons

This week in Maths, we have split into our teaching groups and have begun to work with bead strings and hundred squares. We have looked at how to identify numbers on a bead string by recognising that we can count in tens and then units rather than counting individual beads. Using a hundred square, we have thought about how to add and subtract multiples of ten, and some of us have begun to work without the support of the number square.

Other lessons and activities:

In RS we introduced the Christian Creation Story and began to talk about different faiths and beliefs. The children discussed some of their own creations and why they are proud of these. Some super drawings were produced in lessons and the children were able to write about their personal achievements.

In our science and topic lessons, we thought about what we have learnt from our visitors this week and are looking forward to continuing our practical work in the future when we make our own flour.

Over the weekend you might like to:

- Look at the spellings, word building and maths homework with your child and support them to use a dictionary or search elsewhere for more word building ideas.

Year 2 Information Evening

Please click [here](#) to see the presentation from last's week Year 2 information evening.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 11th October – 4.30pm - 7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall – please book via the online booking system

Online booking system: Go to the Town Close website and visit the Parents' Information Centre on the left. Click on the parents' booking system. This will prompt you to enter your email address and password. If you have not used the system before the password is: **townclose**. If you have used the system for after school care, please use the password you have chosen. When you have logged in click the parents' evening button at the top of the screen.

Monday 15th – Friday 19th October: Pre Prep Science Week

Tuesday 16th October – 4.00pm - 5.00pm: Norfolk Children's Book Centre book sale in the library

Friday 19th October – 2.00pm-3.00pm: Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall – further details to follow

Tuesday 6th November – 8.45am- 3.00pm: Half of Year 2 to the Forum and Pizza Express

Monday 12th November: Fluenz vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

Tuesday 13th November – 8.45am - 3.00 pm: Half of Year 2 to the Forum and Pizza Express

Thursday 15th November – 10.00 - 11.55 am: Year 2 to Vue Cinema to see Mary and the Witch's Flower (based on *The Little Broomstick* by Mary Stewart)

Thursday 6th December – 2.15pm - 3.15pm: Year 2 Christmas Production

Thursday 13th December – 2.00pm - 3.00pm: Carol Service at Christchurch Eaton for Year 1 and Year 2 children

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

